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1200 New Jersey Ave., SE W24-233  
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Re: Freedom of Information Act request relating to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am submitting the following FOIA request in my capacity as a private citizen. There is no commercial purpose for this request. I am requesting records relating to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. I believe that the records I am requesting are likely to be found at MARAD (primarily in the office of the Administrator); possibly the Office of the Secretary of Transportation; and the administration of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

I am requesting copies of all documents (including electronic communications such as emails, "tweets" etc.) regarding the following:

1. All internal communications from January 1, 2009 to the present within the Department of Transportation regarding the presence of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Association & Foundation ("AAF") on the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy campus and/or its removal from the campus. The response should include all documents that discuss *any* reason or justification for (a) the decision to offer a lease to the AAF; (b) the decision to require the AAF to vacate the Babson Center by .
2. All internal communications from January 1, 2009 to the present within the Department of Transportation regarding the decision to close the Global Maritime and Transportation School ("GMATS"). The response should include

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all documents that discuss *any* reason or justification for the decision.

3. All internal communications from January 1, 2009 to the present within the Department of Transportation regarding future uses (including *potential* future uses) of the GMATS facility located on the campus of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.
4. All internal communications from January 1, 2009 to the present within the Department of Transportation regarding potential alternative uses for the campus of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.
5. All internal communications from January 1, 2009 to the present within the Department of Transportation regarding suggestions/recommendations and/or plans that the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy be closed.
6. All internal communications from January 1, 2009 to the present within the Department of Transportation regarding the decision to reassign the Training Vessel Kings Pointer (ex USNS Contender) away from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. The response should include all documents that discuss *any* reason or justification for the decision.
7. All communications between union organizations (e.g. AFL-CIO, Seafarers' International Union, Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association, International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots or any other union) and the Department of Transportation, MARAD and/or the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy from January 1, 2009 to the present regarding closing the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, the closing of GMATS and/or the Training Vessel Kings Pointer.
8. All communications between any representative of any state maritime academy and the Department of Transportation, MARAD and/or the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy from January 1, 2009 to the present regarding closing the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and/or the closing of GMATS.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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Re: Freedom of Information Act request relating to MARAD website

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Sometime between September 2, 2011 and October 7, 2011, the content of the "Education" page of MARAD's website was modified. On Sept. 2, 2011, the page looked like this:

[http://web.archive.org/web/20110902032627/http://www.marad.dot.gov/education\\_landing\\_page/education\\_landing\\_page.htm](http://web.archive.org/web/20110902032627/http://www.marad.dot.gov/education_landing_page/education_landing_page.htm)

On October 7, 2011, the page looked like this:

[http://web.archive.org/web/20111007233014/http://www.marad.dot.gov/education\\_landing\\_page/education\\_landing\\_page.htm](http://web.archive.org/web/20111007233014/http://www.marad.dot.gov/education_landing_page/education_landing_page.htm)

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such as emails, "tweets" etc.) regarding the changes in content that were made to this page as those changes relate to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. These documents should include all drafts of the web page, all comments made about those drafts, all suggestions and/or instructions for what to include, or what to remove, from the prior (*e.g.*, the September 2, 2011) version of the web page.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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